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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

PRIORITY PRINTING

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A method for managing printing priorities in a computer network environment is provided. The method includes priorities for network print jobs being set by a network administrator and/or network users. The priority

10 of a new print job entering the print queue is compared to the priority of other jobs already in the queue. The new job is delayed until any higher priority jobs have finished printing. If the new print job has the highest priority in the print queue and has a higher priority

15 than the job currently printing, the current job is suspended until the new job prints in full. The suspended job is then resumed. The priority settings can be changed by the network administrator and/or the network users, according to changing circumstances.